



FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Hong Kong Bureau -- April 1982

I. GENERAL

1. Session With Hong Kong Official -- On 28 April, bureau staffers attended a consulate forum which featured Robin McLaren, political adviser to the Hong Kong Government. McLaren covered a wide range of topics connected with British and Hong Kong relations with China.

2. FBIS Delegation to China -- On 3 April, bureau staffers [redacted] STAT and [redacted] together with several other consulate officers and spouses STAT were the guests of Taishan County, Guangdong Province, at the official opening of the Talong irrigation project. The ceremony, replete with lion dancers, banquets and firecrackers, was incorporated into a four-day unofficial tour of the area. That China's official news service Zhongguo Xinwen She reported both the ceremony and the presence of the "members of the delegation of the American Consulate General" (see page P 3 of the 8 April China Daily Report) is in a small way illustrative of the frustrations many people have encountered in doing business with China. Only days before the consulate "delegation's" departure, the Foreign Ministry in Beijing, which was itself represented at the Taishan ceremony, turned down the group's visa application on the grounds that the area in question was denied to foreigners. The rejection was all the more intriguing since the group was planning to stay at a hotel in Taishan that had been opened with much fanfare only a few months earlier as a Sino-American joint venture. Perhaps the answer to this apparent contradiction came when, at the last moment, the group was granted the necessary visas -- tourist visas, for which each member was charged a suitably outrageous fee!

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Cost of Living Increase -- The consulate this month announced a 5.2 percent cost of living pay increase for FSN personnel, effective 21 April. The amount is slightly smaller than had been originally sought by the consulate.

2. Recruitment -- The bureau began advertising this month for a new technician. The vacancy was created when trainee technician [redacted] informed us that STAT he will be leaving in May to take a position with Cable & Wireless. Several people have responded to the ad, and two of the applicants seem promising. Retention of

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personnel, always a problem in Hong Kong, is perhaps even more difficult in the technical area. There is much competition in the local marketplace for qualified technicians and engineers, and the bureau's payscale is considerably lower than what is offered by such prominent competitors as the Hong Kong Government and Cable & Wireless.

3. Editor Arrival -- Junior editor [redacted] arrived in Hong Kong PCS on 30 April. She will replace [redacted]

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4. Promotions -- Monitors [redacted] to FSN-8; teletypists [redacted] to FSN-5.

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5. QSI Awarded -- Teletypist [redacted] was awarded a quality step increase in recognition of his excellent service in the wireroom.

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B. Building & Grounds

New Staff Apartment -- A lease was signed this month, and necessary refurbishment completed, on a new staff apartment which will be occupied by incoming deputy chief [redacted] and family. Until now we have had the benefit of departing editor [redacted] apartment being paid for by her husband's office, [redacted]

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III. VISITS

To the Bureau

1. [redacted] Embassy Beijing political officer, 14 April.

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Acting Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Attachments

A. Production Report

cc: Orig. + 3 Hqs.
C/Okinawa Bureau
C/Seoul Bureau

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 615,621
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 88,728
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 639

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	MIN. 3,850	MIN. 4,280	ISSUES 171
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA			
BEIJING DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1,330		
BEIJING CITY SERVICE IN MANDARIN	820		
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5,580		
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6,050		
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	28,010		
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6,910		
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	880		
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7,700		
LHASA TIBET REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6,690		
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3,350		
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8,240		
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1,190		
TIJIANJIN CITY SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3,670		
URIUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6,780		
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12,010		
XIAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5,190		
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	80		
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6,580		
BEIJING TIANJIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN CHINESE	8,520		
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	12,800		
BEIJING JIN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	5,990		
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	10,500		
BEIJING GUANGDONG RIBAO IN CHINESE	9,370		
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	25,110		
BEIJING HONGKAI IN CHINESE	88,450		
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	43,210		
BEIJING JINGJI YANTU IN CHINESE	34,250		
BEIJING LIANHANG IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING LISHI YANTU IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	122,440		
BEIJING RIBAO IN CHINESE	14,830		
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING WENBAO IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING WENKUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING XIN SHI QI IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANZIAN IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING ZHENKUE YANTU IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN IN CHINESE	0		
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	3,680		
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	2,490		
GUANGZHOU NANYANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	11,320		
GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	3,550		
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WENBAO IN CHINESE	2,660		
HARBIN HEILONGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	2,250		
JINAN DAZHONG RIBAO IN CHINESE	7,930		
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	19,340		
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOPAO IN CHINESE	0		
SHENYANG LIAONING RIBAO IN CHINESE	3,130		
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	11,160		
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	3,160		
TIJIANJIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	6,680		
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0		
XIAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	2,290		
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	9,580		
HONG KONG			
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG CHISHIKI NIENTAI IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH	0		
HONG KONG HSIANG KANG SHIH PAO IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE	8,150		
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE	2,240		
HONG KONG MING PAO YUEKIAN IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE	0		
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	5,480		
HONG KONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH	2,900		
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE	5,830		
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH	460		
HONG KONG WAN JEN JIH PAO IN CHINESE	430		
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE	10,120		